



THE SAFETY CLAUSE



DCMC'S FLIGHT OPERATIONS INTERNET NEWS LETTER, EDITION II

Welcome to the second edition of the Safety Clause. For those of you who missed your chance to hitch a ride on the giant space ark following Hale Bop and have decided instead to dedicate your life to helping contractors have the safest programs possible, this one's for you.

The first edition of the Safety Clause was a tremendous success. Both people who read it commented on how it changed their lives. They both reported that after reading it they lost weight, quit smoking, and their hair seems to be fuller with more body. Unfortunately, we can't just sit back and rest on our laurels. We have to keep publishing new editions. But, since both of our first two readers ignored our pleas for articles to include in upcoming editions we are appealing to you, our new readers. E-mail your article to john_heib@hq.dla.mil or milton_dillard@hq.dla.mil. And now, without further adieu. . .

FYI

Course Updates. The next GFR course will both be held in Stratford, CT, from 4 August to 15 August. It will be sponsored by Sikorsky Aircraft. The Long Beach course held in May was a great success. We're thinking about holding it in Long Beach twice next year. The Fall GFR course will be held October 20-31 at DCMC Boeing, Wichita, KS. The next AMM course will be held at DCMC McDonnell Douglas, St. Louis, MO, October 20-24.

Meeting of the Chiefs. We held a CFO meeting for District CFOs and AQOI during the Long Beach GFR course. There we discussed the next APT training seminar which will be held the first week in December this year. Location TBD. We'll need inputs from the Districts for topics. We'll also need speakers. Get with your District CFO if you would like to brief something or would like to see something in particular discussed.

DCMC's CFO, Colonel Jim McNulty stressed the importance of APTs teaming with the contractors. In particular, during Risk Assessments APTs need to focus on the *PROCESS* of determining where the contractor's strengths and process barriers are rather than on whether they receive a 1/2/3 for their safety program, FOD control, or whatever. The bottom line here is, if, while discussing one of the RA sub-elements, the RA team can't agree on where the contractor's operation stands today then there is a fundamental flaw on the way the RA is being conducted. Remember, RAs are a team effort and the contractor is a key team member.

Col McNulty also asked the CFOs to comment on health of the relationship between the unit CFO and the contractor. Is it a teaming relationship or an us vs. them relationship? DCMC aircrew member quality of life was another hot topic. What are the aircrew facilities like? How often are the aircrews called upon to fly on weekends? Expect severe restrictions on weekend flying in the DLAM 8220.3 rewrite.

District West's CFO, Lt Col Frank Baily, has agreed to review and update the flight operations IOA process checklists. The goal is to make the checklists more process oriented. Prior attempts a rewriting the checklists here a AQOI have been less than successful. Here now are the top ten *rejected* IOA processes including example benchmark processes vs. processes in need of improvement.

Office coffee- (Colombian dark roast vs.
Three day old dishwater)
Political Correctness- (Open minded respect
for alternative viewpoints vs.
Mentoring a Posse Comitatus youth
group)
CFO Talent portion- (Sir Laurence Olivier
vs. Milli Vanilli)
Coolnest factor- (Sunglasses at night vs.
White socks and sandals)
Mental Stability- (Cool headed problem
solvers even under pressure vs.
Popping prozac like they was candy)
Working relationship with contractor-
(Teaming vs. Kidnapping)
Bribes- (Numbered Swiss bank account vs.
Company enemas)
Aircrew Quality of Life- (Gym facilities vs.
Daily beatings)
Swim Suit Competition- (Cindy Crawford
vs. Broderick Crawford)
GFR Intelligence - (Ground breaking
research on Quantum Gravity vs. drools
a lot)

(Ed note: Please accept the preceding top ten list as small attempt to help you forget, perhaps for awhile, the everyday drudgery of flight operations. It was not meant as an indication of the future direction of the actual IOA process, as far as you know.)

The remaining minutes to the CFO meeting will appear on the flight ops web page.

Risk Assessments. The latest version of the flight operations RA is now available for downloading on our web page. Downloading the Word version allows use of the imbedded Excel spreadsheet for computing overall risk. We've only made minor editorial changes to the worksheets but, we've given much greater guidance on the process itself.



Here ACME employees perform their daily FOD walk during their Annual Risk Assessment.

Be advised, there will be a more radical change to the flight ops RA forthcoming. Those changes will include elimination of the High, Medium, and Low Risk ratings. We feel these changes should go a long way toward refocusing the RA teams efforts towards lowering the overall risk rather than trying to make the contractor fit into a particular risk category. Stay tuned.

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AMM NEWS

Greetings fellow AMM brethren and APT members. Welcome to our second addition of the Safety Clause. So far so good. We have received a lot of positive feedback from our APTs out there on the first articles. Remember this is your link to the rest of the

AMM /APT world out there. Don't be shy. Send us your inputs on important flight operations issues that effect us all. We would be more than happy to publish your article here in an upcoming edition.

AMM Course Update. We just finished our most recent AMM course at McDonnell Douglas Long Beach. The class had a good mix of students. AMMs from DCMC and the Services made up 70% of the class. The rest were Specialized Safety, QAR/QAS types and one contractor representative from the C- 17 program at Long Beach. The wide range of backgrounds and experience of this class made it our best offering to date. Special thanks to TSgt Goldstein "Goldy" our host and POC. He did an outstanding job with the hotel and classroom arrangements. The "check's in the mail" Goldy! Our next AMM course offering is scheduled for Oct 20-24 at DCMC McDonnell Douglas St. Louis, MO. For anyone who would like to attend our course contact your district AMM, CMSgt Penman for the West District, (310)335-3673 DSN 972-3673, Mike Lathrop for the East District, (617)753-4078 DSN 955-4078, or SMSgt Mark Baumbusch for District International, (703)767-2494 DSN 427-2494.

Newcomers to DCMC. We have several new AMMs coming onboard, and I would like to welcome all of you to DCMC. SMSgt Frank Hansen, MSgt Henry Price, MSgt Tim Elder, MSgt Daryl Hill, SFC Steve Carbone, MSgt Darrel W. Johnson, and SMSgt Jimmie Berryman.

NAFPI FOD Conference. The 18th National Aerospace FOD Prevention Inc., Conference will be held in Seattle June 24 to 26, (Military Day June 23). We understand that everyone has budget concerns to address and

every AMM will not be able to attend. The district AMMs and myself will be there to support DCMC and lead discussions during the Interactive Learning Sessions. We are scheduled for Tuesday 1300-1430 and Thursday 1300-1430, and hope you can make it. This is our chance to learn new techniques and exchange information on FOD prevention.

First Senior Enlisted Advisor Assigned to DLA. Sergeant Major Gordon R. Taft, USA, has been assigned as the first Senior Enlisted Advisor in DLA. While his principle role is advisor to the Director and Principle Deputy Director on all matters affecting the enlisted military members assigned to DLA, he will also be the eyes and ears for other senior leaders in the Agency. In this capacity, SGM Taft's responsibilities are to ensure that all enlisted personnel assigned throughout DLA are getting the best support that can be provided. He can be reached at DSN 427-5396, commercial (703)767-5396 or e-mail address (gordon_taft@hq.dla.mil).
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Latest and Greatest Comments from The Field.

Gentlemen, I have a suggestion for future AMM courses for you to ponder. In my experience as a non resident AMM, it is difficult to keep close tabs on contractor's compliance with their written procedures. We only get to see them in action a couple of days twice a year. Couple this with the trend in emphasis on contractor self oversight, I believe it is important to train future AMMs to focus on the contractor's QA program.

I use to go into the contractor's facility and note the same deficiencies survey after survey and recommend more supervisor

involvement with emphasis on stricter procedure compliance. This only brought fair results at best (out of sight out of mind perhaps). Now after some experience, I try to tie the contractor's self oversight into the equation. For example, on our last survey I observed a few less than desirable tool and hardware control practices. The contractor's QA surveillance plan covers tool/hardware control. So, in the outbrief and report, I advised that the QA inspectors were too lenient in their tool box audits. I believe this approach can be taken in other ground tasks as well because if noncompliance with procedures becomes common, it is a reflection on the effectiveness (or ineffectiveness) of the contractor's self oversight program.

I think this would be a lesson well worth teaching our new AMMs as well as a productive way of seeing contractor improvement. It is better for the contractor's own oversight to point out deficiencies rather than the government guy doing the contractor's job and pinging them time and time again.

Let me know if this is a good or bad idea for the AMM course.

Regards, MSgt Chuck Kemper

Web Sites

Yes, we know that after seeing our web page you probably think you life is complete. How many times have we heard from frustrated commanders, "My guys just read your web page over and over again all day long! I can't get them away from it. What can I do?" "Not to worry commander," we'll say. "We can send you a short list of some other very useful web sites that your APT can waste...we mean, use their time wisely on."

Now, that same list, heretofore only available in the original Latin, is available directly to our APTs in a form even they can understand or at least stare at without whimpering too much. And, at no additional cost, we've included stars that indicate 1) how much valuable information can be found there, 2) how important it is that you bookmark this site, and 3) how much we enjoy putting stars in our documents. So enjoy and remember...."

"Knowledge is achieved when ideas take flight"

Safety related sites:

www.norfolk.navy.mil/safecen

www.dcmc.dcrb.dla.mil

www.dcmc.dcrb.dla.mil/TEAMINFO/FLT_OPS/Flghtops.htm Takes you directly to the DCMC flight ops web page.

safety.army.mil

olias.arc.nasa.gov/asrs

Naval Safety Center- Top notch, Weekly Summaries, ORM, "must see" ☆☆☆☆

DCMC- If you can read this, you're probably familiar with this site. But isn't dé-jà vu cool anyway? ☆☆☆☆

Army Safety Program- Hot! "Flight Fax", Excellent Risk Management tools for downloading, Fort Rucker stuff ☆☆☆☆

FAA Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS)- Check it out...Potential hazards identified ☆☆

www.faa.gov	<u>FAA</u> - Great info on FSDOs and POCs a must if you deal with civil aircraft production or mods. ☺☺
www.nts.gov	<u>NTSB</u> - Great info on the organization and provides status/reports on all ongoing investigations. ☺☺
www.flightsafety.org/pub_home.html	<u>Flight Safety Foundation</u> - Civil Organization dedicated to flight safety issues. ☺☺
DoD & Other Government Sites	
www.dot.gov/dotinfo.uscg/welcome.html	<u>US Coast Guard</u> - Good reference. ☺☺
www.usmc.mil	<u>US Marine Corps</u> - Check out the brig at Quantico. Ooh Rah! ☺☺
www.ncts.navy.mil	<u>US Navy</u> - Anchors Aweigh! ☺☺
www.army.mil	<u>US Army</u> - For those of you who never got to camp out enough as a kid and have decided to devote your life to the pursuit of better living through bivouaging. ☺☺
www.dtic.mil/airforcelink	<u>US Air Force</u> - Everything you ever wanted to know about the Service branch with the best Q's and, we swear we're not making this up- the USAF OFFICIAL REPORT ON ROSWELL! ☺☺
www.afmc.wpafb.af.mil/organizations/HQ-AFMC/DP/index2.htm	<u>HQ AFMC Directorate of Personnel</u> - Great performance report /promotion recommendation guides ☺☺
afmc.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/DO/dov.htm	<u>HQ AFMC/DOV's Home Page</u> - They're so much like DCMC flight operations it's scary! Check it out if you dare! ☺☺
www.safaq.hq.af.mil/contracting/library.html	<u>Air Force Contracting Library</u> ☺☺
www.dcmdw.dla.mil	<u>DCMDW</u> - District West ☺☺
131.66.98.96/dcmde/	<u>DCMDE</u> - District East Good web site but what's with that web address? ☺☺
www.dcmc.dcrb.dla.mil/CASSITES/Intl/Intl.htm	<u>DCMDI</u> - District International's flight ops page w/graphics. ☺☺
www.darpa.mil	<u>DARPA Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency</u> - General info with UAV stuff. ☺☺
ncts.navy.mil/homepages/bupers	<u>BUPERS Homepage</u> - Navy Personnel info ☺☺
www.wpafb.af.mil/az/jacg/index.html	<u>JACG (Joint Aeronautical Commanders Group)</u> - Good info on aviation acquisition changes and programs. ☺☺
dubhe.cc.naps.navy.mil/~nha/welcome.html	<u>Naval Helicopter Association</u> - The premier military professional group (assuming you're one of those who like to travel around in flying bricks that the engineers never could get the wings securely attached to) ☺☺
www.dfas.mil/money/milpay/index.html	<u>Military Pay</u> - Great reference on Per Diem, VHA, Cola, et al. ☺☺

www.fie.com/www/defense.htm
acqnet.sarda.army.mil

www.dtic.dla.mil/amc

www.acq.osd.mil/dau/dau.html

www.dtic.dla.mil/defense/defenselink
safetynet.doleta.gov

www.dtic.mil/perdiem
www.nlmoc.navy.mil

users.aol.com/gman755/medals.html
www.dtic.mil/stinet/public-stinet

www.dtic.mil/dfars

www.navair.navy.mil

www.stl.army.mil
www.fedworld.gov/ftp.htm#faa
www.dasc.dla.mil

“Box O’ Chocolates” Sites:

www.kaman.com

www.belhelicopter.textron.com
www.boeing.com/
www.boeing.com/fod/news.html

osprey.erin.gov.au:80/fun/exhibits.html

www.landings.com/aviation.html

www.rotor.com

www.yahoo.com/Recreation/Aviation/

airportnet.org

Index of DoD Web Sites- Zounds! ☺☺☺

Army Acquisition- Contains the Army’s plan to win the next war by implementing more management initiatives than the enemy. ☺☺

AMC- America’s “Arsenal for the Brave,” Army Material Command. ☺☺

Defense Acquisition University- Acquisition courses and one heck of a great football team. ☺☺

Defense Link- Also known as the BIG LINK ☺☺☺

Federal Employees’ Survival Guide- Sorry, this site doesn’t provide any protection against your cafeteria’s menu. ☺☺

Per Diem, travel, VHA, COLA, Pepsi . . . ☺☺☺

Naval METOC- Real time satellite weather pictures. Impress your friends. ☺☺

Medals/Awards/Decorations- Yeah! ☺☺

Public Stinet- Download DoDs and DoDIs, search technical reports. ☺☺☺

DFARS On-Line- Must have for insomniacs, masochists, & APTs. ☺☺☺

NAVAIR HQ- Good Buying Command info with PEO and PMA listings for squids. ☺☺☺

ATCOM- Same as above for Grunts. ☺☺☺

FAA Regulations- (Great sleep aids) ☺☺☺

DASC Home Page- DLA Administrative Support Center where you’ll find publications, forms, DODIs, et al. ☺☺☺

KAMAN Corp- All about Kaman Aerospace (They make guitars too!) ☺☺

Bell Helicopters- Great corporate info sans guitars. ☺☺

Boeing- COOL! ☺☺

The FOD Newsletter- Includes info on Foreign Object Debris *and* Damage. ☺☺☺

Exhibit Library- Lots of aircraft images for your downloading pleasure. ☺☺☺

Landings- General aviation info, aviation news plus hundreds of aviation links. ☺☺

Helicopter Association International- more rotorhead news. ☺☺

Yahoo- Their Aviation search engine. We personally think the title says it all- YAHOO. ☺☺☺

American Association of Airport Executives & International Association of Airport Executives- After

www.access.digex.net/~aia

you slug your way through the title of this web site
you'll find lots of aviation related news.

[Aerospace Industries Association](#)- Leading industry
lobby group, get info on National Aerospace
Standards

turva.me.tut.fi/cgi-bin/wilma/risma

[OSHWEB: Risk Management](#)- Academic material on
risk mgt & assessments

www.mapquest.com

MapQuest- Planning to visit a contractor but you've
never been there before? A must for TDY planning &
it's free!

phone.whowhere.com

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Janet Reno . . . so many people to call, so little time.

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